

IN THE WESTERN RESERVE.

The Bishops Convene in Chicago and are Given a Taste of the Windy City Hospitality—Great Preparations for the National Negro Business League—Notes.

Chicago, Ill., Special—The Literary and Historical Congress of the Fourth Episcopal District of the African Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Quinn Chapel, Wabash ave. and Twenty-fourth street, July 16th, 1901. The Congress was largely attended by



BISHOP ABRAHAM GRANT.

preachers from the Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota Conferences. Bishop Grant presided, Bishop Benjamin F. Lee and Bishop Evans Tyree were present. Bishop Grant is a noble man and eloquent speaker. We quote the following from his address to the Congress: "The very fact that there is antagonism to our people shows we are progressing. We may not always fulfill the expectations of all our friends, but we are moving ahead slowly but surely. We should aim to ascertain the cause of prejudice against our people and overcome it. There is no power on earth



REV. EVANS TYREE, D. D.

that can keep us back. Whatever the discouragement of the hour may be, if we are true to God, true to ourselves, and right all the time, I know that victory is ahead of us." The social feature of the Congress was a reception tendered the visiting clergy on the evening of the 16th inst. The addresses were good and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Wednesday July 17th was a busy session. The addresses this day were delivered by Revs. R. F. Hurley and N. J. McCracken. Rev. Hurley contends that "Love alone is not sufficient reason for marriage, the contracting persons should be physically, morally and mentally sound, and when they were not the state should prohibit the unions. When that is done there would be fewer criminals, less insanity and more genuine happiness." Rev. McCracken, presiding elder of the Cairo District of the Illinois Conference, holds that "in order to increase the Negro's self-esteem he must

be educated. One of the great mistakes of the present day colored man, is his being satisfied with too little. This must be remedied before he can advance. When the Congress adjourned July 18th, the visiting ministers started out in small parties to visit Chicago's "slums," the result of this investigation of the sociological conditions will be embodied in a report and presented to the next annual session of the Iowa Conference.

The ban fit and banquet tendered Rev. R. C. Ransom of the Institutional church on the 16th instant was a brilliant success. We all wish the Reverend a pleasant voyage and safe return.

Prof. Booker T. Washington was in the city last week and in conference with the Executive Committee of the Negro Business Men's League of Cook County. Prof. Washington seemed well pleased with the arrangements which the Cook County League are making for the holding of the national session in our city next month.

The intense heat has caused a complete lull and perfect quiet in our social world, which is disturbed only by the slightest sound of the belle's fan and wave of the beau's handkerchief as he silently mops his brow.

The Illinois club women are happy over the election of Mrs. Lizzie Davis of 5012 Armour ave. Chicago, as National Organizer for the National Association of Colored Women. We predict a future for the association under the leadership of Mrs. Silone J. Yates, of Kansas City. W. R. B.

Prominent Texans Here

Mrs. Mary C. Moore, of Austin Tex., and her son Master Henry Ferguson, have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Calloway, 1732 V street city, for two weeks. Quite a number of Washington people have called. Mrs. Moore is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, and her husband is one of the largest building contractors in the Lone Star state, and is a wealthy man. Prior to her recent marriage she was a teacher in one of the state institutions of Texas. Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Calloway are now visiting Buffalo to view the Pan-American Exposition and Niagara Falls.

The Cape May News.

Cape May, N. J., Special—Rev. Dr. Fishburn of the A. M. E. Church was in Baltimore last week. The Macedonia Literary met last evening with Miss Rose Edmonds in the chair. The program was very interesting. Solos by E. Baker and little Manda Lee; recitation by Mrs. Dunlap, "Oler Joe;" paper, Mr. Morse. Five new members were received. Mr. Wm. Dover, the head waiter at Congress Hall is a very fine gentleman. He is loved by all the waiters. The Congress Hall waiters will give an entertainment Friday evening, July 26th at Daly's Auditorium Hall. Rev. Dr. Kemp of the Macedonia church celebrated his 4th anniversary last week at which time \$132.00 was realized. Arrivals at Hopes Cottage, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Hall of Philadelphia, Pa., Griffin Cottage, Mrs. Emma Taylor, of Philadelphia, Pa., Fawcett Cottage, Mrs. Henry Council of Philadelphia at Chews, Cape May Point, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher of Boston, Mass.

The Monumental Orchestra, Prof. Charles Hamilton leader, will furnish the music for the Excelsior Club excursion to Notley Hall Friday, August 9th, for a pleasant outing.

Dr. John J. Burch—Dentist.

Providence, R. I., Special—Unassuming yet energetic and industrious are the characteristics which predominate in the make up of the subject of this sketch.

He was also a member of the old Excelsior Band and is at present affiliated with Grace's Orchestra of this city.

In November 1898, Dr. Burch was united in marriage to Miss Lula Brown, only daughter of letter carrier Joseph Brown.

Aside from his business standing Dr. Burch has been publicly active in musical matters. He was at one time connected with the Boston Brass band under the leadership of George S. Sharper, and was with that organization a few years ago on one of the presidential inaugural occasions.

He was advised however by his employer to remain and was furthermore encouraged to seek the profession as a means of livelihood. Accordingly he



DR. JOHN J. BURCH.

began his apprenticeship which he served faithfully for four years. The business of Dr. Bridge was steadily increasing and a partnership was formed with a brother, and became known as Bridge and Brothers.

Dr. Burch who is now the sole practitioner in the profession of dentistry, located in Providence, was born in this city where he attended the public schools. Leaving the Thayer St. Grammar School he engaged as office boy with Dr. W. W. Bridge who was at that time one of the leading dentists of the city. After continuing in this office for some little time, he felt inclined to seek other employment.

Dr. Burch continued with the new firm six years, thus completing an association of ten years. He then engaged with Dr. M. Y. Simmons, with whom he remained three years, after which he became associated with the late Dr. William Barker. Five years ago he opened parlors in the commodious Hoppin Homestead Building, where he has successfully continued ever since. His apartments are neat, well appointed and equipped with every improvement requisite for practice.

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